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"BOBS" IS THEIR IDOL

English Believe He Will Retrieve Losses in South Africa.

MORE CHEERFUL TONE TO PRESS

General Kitchener Expected to Reach Cairo Next Friday.

NEWS FROM THE FRONT

LONDON December 18,-"Bobs," as Lord Roberts of Kandahar is familiarly known, is a name to conjure with in Great Britain, and that Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener This gave her address as Takoma, Washare considered the right men to retrieve the ington. Later the identity of the dead wodisastrous situation in South Africa is amply evidenced by the more cheery tone of all the war discussion this morning. In spite of the attempts of the authorities to gloss over the supercession of Gen, Buller, the fact remains that the new appointments cannot be regarded otherwise than as a penalty for his failure. A semi-official mmunication says; "The disposition to regard the change as

reflection on Gen. Buller is entirely er-oneous. As the forces engaged in South Africa increase officers of higher rank are, naturally, appointed to the supreme com-

The communication then instances the successive steps from Gen, Symons to Gens. White and Buller, and now to Gen. Roberts. In spite of the plausibility of the argument every one recognizes that it is not the whole truth. The friends of Gen, Buller see in the headlong plunge of the cabinet a suspicious panic, and they picture hasty conclaves and the ministers, with blanched faces, telegraphing to Roberts and Kitchener to come and save the empire. While, perhaps, these are overdrawn, there is no denying that the predigious exertion which the government nsiders necessary to crush the two little ent aspect of affairs. Probably the ministers remembered the peril which the public seem to have forgotten of a possible rising of the Kaffirs. Indeed, unpleasant rumors are already current in this direction, which would be indefinitely more serious than a rebellion of the Dutch.

Coincidence in Roberts Case.

A coincidence in connection with Lord dierts' appointment at the present juncthe British defeat at Majuba hill. On this occasion, however, it is not likely that he will reach South Africa to find peace ference to rumors circulated toeen is in excellent health, and that there no indication of the surrender of Kim-

teers all day to offer their services for the var in South Africa. Several colonels have he war office. About 200 artillery voluners offered their services at Edinburgh

before noon.

A brief, independent account of the Colenso fight adds nothing to the official account, except that the fighting lasted eight hours, and that the British retirement was completed in good order.

A dispatch from the Modder river, dated Saturday, December 16, says the Boers have blown up the railroad culverts two miles north of General Methuen's camp.

Kitchener in Omdurman.

CAIRO, December 18.-General Lord Kitchener, who has been appointed chief of the staff of Gen. Lord Roberts of Kandahar the new commander-in-chief of the British forces in South Africa, leaves Omdurman

Mozambique Cable in Trouble.

NEW YORK, December 18.—Commercia Cable Company issued the following notice: "We are advised that the cable between Mozambique and Lorenzo Marques is interrupted. A terrific cyclone at Mozambique has caused interruption of the Delagon Bay cable; houses have been blown down and ships in the harbor have been The telegraph station was roofed, but the instruments were saved

Gen. Roberts to Sail Saturday. LONDON, December 18.-Gen. Lord Rob erts and his staff will sail for South Africa on the Dunottar Castle, Saturday,

CONSOLS BELOW PAR

Fears in London of Extensive Issues for the War.

LONDON, December 18.-Business on the stock exchange here today opened with a better tone on the readiness of the government to face the situation. But thoughts of a prolonged war, the dearness of money and political considerations, added to the Equidation of bankrupt stocks, led to a depression, which sent consols below par for

They were quoted at 99% at 2 o'clock, All departments had shared in the fall. Americans were flat. Kaffirs were weak Rand Mines, 323; Chartereds, 3; Gold Fields, 60s; De Beers, 240s. There was one

The fall in consols was variously tributed to large offerings, occasioned by monetary and political situation and to fars of a large issue of consols for war purposes. Other factors used to depress the markets were the baseless rumor that the queen was dead and a report that Kimberley had surrendered.

Will Act as Consul at Pretoria.

rival at Pretoria this morning. He will act as United States consul at Pretoria until the arrival at that point of Mr. Adelbert Hay, who is now on his way to the post, and will then return to his post at Lourenco Marquez. Mr. Macrum, whom he relieves at Pretoria, was to sail from Lou-renco Marquez this morning for the United States via the Suez canal.

RIVER STEAMER BURNS.

Loss of Half a Million to Tennessee NEW MADRID, Mo., December 18 .- The

steamer City of Kansas of the Tennesse River Packet Company burned to the water's edge early today while lying at the foot of Main street. All the passengers escaped, but several hundred bales of cotton and considerabl

freight and baggage were destroy total loss is estimated at \$500,000.

The Supreme Court will adjourn next Friday for the Christmas holiday recess, re suming its sessions Monday, January 8.

The Mother of Mrs. Robert L. Downing, the Actress, Expires Suddenly.

Had Come to City From "Edgewood," Her Home, to Make Purchases for Christmas.

Mrs. Ella Wren Blair, mother-in-law of Robert L. Downing, the actor, died in her carriage about 10:30 o'clock this morning in front of the Chicago Hotel, on Penn-sylvania avenue between 3d and 4½ streets northwest. Her body was removed to the morgue, and it was some time before the olice were able to establish her identity. They were put to considerable trouble on ount of a misleading address written on

a Wells Fargo express receipt, which was

found in the dead woman's pocket book

man was established, and her relatives at Edgemore, near Benning, were notified. Edgemore, near Benning, were notined.

Mrs. Blair left her home at Edgemore
this morning and drove to the city, intending to make some Christmas purchases, as
well as to procure some grocerles for the
house. She was driving west on Pennsylhouse. She was driving west on Pennsylvania avenue near 4½ street, when pedestrians noticed that sne appeared to be ill. Her head had fallen to one side, but she still held the reins in her hands. Frank Henderson, a colored man, was among those who noticed Mrs. Blair's appearance, and he stopped the horse. A number of people who were passing at the time soon crowded about the buggy, among them being Dr. Frank E. Wilson, who represents the fifth New York district in the House of Representatives. He made a hasty examination of the patient and saw that there was no hope for her.

Ambulance Summoned.

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Policeman Langley telephoned to the Emergency Hospital for an ambulance, while Policeman Reh remained in charge of the buggy. When the ambulance arrived the surgeons in charge of the vehicle announced the woman's life was extinct. As

nounced the woman's life was extinct. As there was nothing that could be done for the stricken woman Policeman Reh drove to the morgue and placed the body in charge of Superintendent Schoenberger.

In the pocket book found in the pocket of the woman's dress the police found a card bearing Mrs. Blair's name. There was a Wells Fargo express order for an amount of money from her daughter, dated Sacramento, Cal. December 12. This order was signed "Eugenle Blair." Mrs. Downing has been olaying in the west this winter with her own company, using her maiden name. The decensed, who was more than sixty years old, was an actress of some prommence during her younger days. She was a Miss Wrer and was particularly well known in Richmond.Va., where, it is stated, she lived for many years. She married an actor named Blair. For several years she has lived at "Edgemore," the family residence of the Downings.

No Evidence of Illness.

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This afternoon Mr. Robert Downing calld at the morgue with friends and identithat Mrs. Blair was apparently in the best on the stock exchange, the Associated of health this morning. He returned from s has been officially informed that the St. Louis on an early train this morning and went out home. About 10 o'clock he came to the city in the conveyance with his mother-in-law, leaving her at 15th and H streets northeast. He boarded a car and went to the Lafayette Theater. Mr. Downing was informed of the death by a

Downing was informed of the death of a Star reporter.

Undertaker R. W. Barker took charge of the body. When it is prepared for burial it will be taken to "Edgemore," from where the funeral will take place. Mrs. F. M. Bates of New York, a sister of the de-ceased, was notified of the death this af-ternoon. Until she is heard from arrange-ments for the funeral will not be made. Mrs. Blair was a native of England.

WAGES ADVANCED 10 PER CENT.

About 75,000 Operatives in New Eng-

BOSTON, December 18 .- An advance of 10 per cent in wages went into effect foday in many of the cotton manufacturing cities and towns of New England. This increase affects from 70,000 to 75,000 persons. The places included in today's advance are Lowell, with about 18,000 operatives; Augusta, Maine, with 1,100; Lawrence, Mass. 12,000; Chicopee, Mass., 3,000; Biddeford. Maine, 3,500; Manchester, N. H., nearly 15,000; Clinton, Mass., 2,500; Dover, N. H. 1.500; Newburyport, Mass. 500; Waterville,
 Maine, 1,000; Lisbon, Maine, 500; Brunswick, Maine, 700; Hooksett, N. H., 500; Suncook, N. H., 1,500; Nashua, N. H., 1,500

Amesbury, Mass., 800. In addition an advance goes into effect in number of the cotton mills of central and

a number of the cotton mills of central and western Massachusetts. Some of the woolen mills also increased wages 10 per cent this morning. These are outside of the American Woolen Company, which will make a general advance Janu-

TRANSPORT TRIED TO GET AWAY. Incident in Connection With Wreck of the Charleston.

BOSTON, December 18.-A letter received ere from a naval officer stationed at Ca vite. Philippine Islands, gives the story of the wreck of the U. S. S. Charleston on the sunken reef north of Luzon November 2. nd tel's of an experience Lieut, McDonald had after he left Camaguin Island, where the Charleston men had landed, to go to

Manila to report the accident.

The letter says: "Lieut, McDonald with Boatswain Glynn left Camaguin Island November 7 in a sailing launch for Lingayen, where it was known our ships were cruis ing. They had hard winds along the west ing. They had hard winds along the west coast of Luzon and heavy seas at times. Lieut. McDonald said that a short distance out of Lingayen the launch met the army transport Aziec. Lieut. McDonald hoisted a distress signal, placed his boat in the way of the big vessel, hailed the transport, and the captain told him to tack ship and come alongside. Lieut. McDonald said that while he was trying to come into the wind the Aztec started to run away, and it was only when he saw the launch chasing him that the captain finally stopped after having he captain finally stopped after having one three miles. Lieut, McDonald was very ingry and demanded an explanation. He said the captain made a lame excuse and igreed to tow the launch to Lingayen

agreed to tow the launch to Lingayen, where the Oregon was found.

"The captain of the Oregon immediately sent the Heleoa to Camaguin to relieve the shipwrecked men and the Callao to Manila with Lieut. McDonald to report to dmiral Watson.
"Lieut, McDonald spoke very highly about

the conduct of the officers and men in leaving the Charleston and in making a landing at Camaguin without serious mishap of any sort.

TEN PASSENGERS INJURED.

Collision on Pennsylvania Road at New Albany, Ind.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., December 18.-An Air Line road engine and a Pennsylvania suburban train, running between Louisville nd New Albany, collided at Vincennes and Main streets in this city today. The Pennsylvania train consisted of an engine and two coaches. It had 150 passengers One of the coaches was struck in the center and thrown over on one side, knocked off the trucks and badly demolished. Ten passengers were injured, mostly women, but with possibly one exception, it is not thought any of the injured will die,

DIES IN HER CARRIAGE CHINA FACING A WAR

Clash With French Forces on the Tonkin Border. .

MARSHAL SU ORDERED TO FIGHT

President Loubet Refuses to Receive the Chinese Minister.

FRENCH CRUISERS ASSEMBLE

TACOMA, Wash., December 18 .- Hong Kong mail advices state another Franco Chinese war is imminent over the delimita-Chou bay, on the Tonkin border. This dispute is of several months' standing, the French having demanded thrice the amount of territory which China is willing to concede under France's original demand for an open port there under French domination. Marshal Su, China's most famous general, and the victor of the battle of Liang Shan, in the last Franco-Chinese war, was sent to Kuang Chou bay with 30,000 well-drilled troops. He bore special orders from the empress dowager to uphold the Chinese cause, and fight, if necessary

without further orders from Pekin. Marshal Su arrived last month from Kwong Chou Wan, on Kuang Chou bay, and a rkirmish between Chinese and French troops followed his refusal to longer temporize over boundary negatiations. Half a dozen Frenchmen were wounded and sixty Chinese, Marshal Su has a reserve force of 6,000 regulars at 1z Khan, and is preparing for a big fight.

The French had smaller forces, and to strengthen them have assembled the warships Descarter, Bengall, Surprise, Lion and Dentrecasseaux.

Official circles at Pekin and Nankin are excited because President Loubet of France has refused to receive Yu Kong, the Chinese minister at Paris, until the boundary dispute is settled. Kwong Chou Wan, on Kuang Chou bay,

THE PARTITION OF CHINA.

Dr. Angell Outlines the Situation in

ANN ARBOR, Mich., December 18.-Dr. James L. Angell, president of the University of Michigan, and former minister to Turkey, addressed the business men's class today upon the subject of "Dismemberment of China." He said, in substance: "There are some things which indicate

that dismemberment is not unlikely. The great powers have pursued exactly the same course in Africa that they are now doing in China. Russia, the greatest Asiatic power, is a great glacier, with its back to the arctic and its face to the seaward. She is on the point of taking possession of Persia, and will do so unless Great Britain

Persia, and will do so unless Great Britain interferes, and it is strongly suspected that she wants India.

"All the powers have got concessions in China, and to dismember it are doing what they call 'extending their spheres of usefulness.' The powers would at one time have divided up South America if it had not been for the Monroe doctrine. But England and the United States do not want the dismemberment of China. They are deeply interested in the trade of that country. They would prefer the whole of China. to be open rather than to have some of the ports closed.

ports closed.

"Our market is in north China, and if Russia extends her possessions there it would be a problem whether or not we are to be excluded. We should prefer to have the influence of England and this country thrown in the direction of open markets. China is in just the position that Turkey was. If it had not been for the great powers Turkey would have been carved up long ago.

have if the government at Pekin can they have it the government at Pekin can hold on, but that government is so con-temptuously weak that it is always offer-ing something for help. The greatest se-curity against the dismemberment of China is that the great powers cannot agree upon the terms of division, but ultimately a dis-memberment is not improbable."

THE CAPTURED REINA MERCEDES. Will Cost Too Much to Convert Her Into a Receiving Ship.

The Navy Department has concluded that receiving ship the captured Spanish cruise Reina Mercedes, now at Norfolk. The people of Portsmouth, N. H., wanted the ship stationed there, and the Navy Department was formally requested to turn he nto a receiving ship. But the medical officers reported that it would be dangerous to use the ship for any such purposes unless all of the woodwork within the was torn out and replaced, because it has

been found almost impossible to absolutely destroy the germs of yellow fever with which the wood is saturated.

The cost of replacing this woodwork would run considerably above \$100,000, a sum far beyond the estimated worth of the ship as a receiving vessel even if the desum far beyond the estimated worth of the ship as a receiving vessel, even if the de-partment had the funds to spare for the purpose. Therefore the vessel will be al-lowed to remain at Norfolk for the present

Late Naval Orders.

Commander C. P. Perkins has been signed to duty at the navy yard, Washington

Commander A. Ross has been assigned to duty as assistant inspector in charge of the fifteenth light house district, St. Louis.

Lieut. Commander C. McR. Winslow to the navy yard, New York.

The order of December 8, assigning Lieut. Commander C. K. Curtis to the Monongahela, has been revoked, and Lieut. Commander H. Osterhaus has been detached from the Naval Academy and from command of the Gloucester and ordered to duty mand of the Gloucester and ordered to duty as executive officer of the Monongahela. Civil Engineer L. M. Cox, from New Yorknavy yard and sick leave for three months. Ensign T. M. Dick, sick leave three months when discharged from hospital at New York.

Ensign R. W. Henderson, order December S. raysked and to the Alliance.

Ensigh K W. Henderson, order December 8 revoked and to the Alliance.
Lieut. G. Kaemmerling, from navy yard, Boston, and to inspection duty at Boston and Weymouth, Mass.
Naval Cadet W V. Tomb, from the Alliance and to Asiatic station, via the Alliance.

AGAINST THE PETITIONERS.

Decision in a Case of Alleged Dis-erimination Against Colored Citizens. Justice Harlan delivered the opinion the Supreme Court today in the case of A. W. Cummings and others vs. the board of education of Richmond county, Ga. It was a case instituted by colored citizens against alleged discrimination against them by the board. The court affirmed the decision of the supreme court of the state of Georgia, which was against the colored petitioners

Salaries of Congressional Employes. The President has signed the act author izing the immediate payment of the salaries of the employes of Congress for De-

FATE OF YORKTOWN'S MEN. Eleven of the Fifteen Captured Are

Encouraging news reached the Navy De partment this morning from Admiral Watson, at Manila, respecting the members of the crew of the ill-fated Yorktown boat's party which landed at Baler last spring The report gives the account of a sailor of the party who has made his way to Ma-nila, and it shows that eleven of the original party of fifteen are still alive. The mad, Rynders, who brings this news was

coxswain of the Yorktown, a native of Amsterdam, but a resident of San Francis-Amsterdam, but a resident of San Francisco, where he shipped. The four dead men
mentioned enlisted at the following points:
Nygard, a Russian, at Brooklyn; McDonald of Carmel Valley, Cal., at Mare Island,
Dillon, a native of Peru, Ind., at Mare Island, and Morrisay, a native of Columbus,
Neb., also at Mare Island.
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"MANILA, December 17, 1899.

"Secretary of the Navy, Washington:
"Seaman Rynders of the Yorktown, captured at Baler, recaptured with Woodbury by cavalry at Bayombong, has reported on board the flagship; both wounded when Gilmore was taken and left behind; he reports Nygard, McDonald, Dillon, Morrisey, killed. Rynders, Woodbury Venville, wounded in foot; unable to travel. Doing well, Baler, June 15. Expect Woodbury tomorrow; wounded not cared for; wounds received personal care. Woodbury and Rynders walked nearly to Manila.

"WATSON."

Reinforcements on the Way.

Reinforcements on the Way. Acting Adjutant General Ward received cable message this morning announcing

that the transport Meade, carrying the 43d Volunteer Infantry, arrived at Colombo Saturday with all well on board, bound for Manila. Deaths Not Before Reported. General Otis today notified the War De

partment that the following deaths have oc-

urred since last report:

Drowned-Rio Grande, near Cabanatuan, November 7, 22d Infantry, C. J. Marks, F; at Tayug, December 7, 24th Infantry, John H. Johnstone, corporal, E. dysentery; No vember 25, 34th Infantry, Frank Wells, A: December 9, 11th Cavalry, John Delaney, sergeant, E; 13th, 4th Infantry, Otto Unger, M; 14th, 21st Infantry, David E, Buckengham, I, typhoid; 27th, 22d Infantry, Charles Rainwater, C; December 8, 12th Infantry, Dean S, Shearer, E, gunshot wounds in action; December 19, 33d Infantry, Gilbert Baron, C; 15th, 36th Infantry, Hardy L, Laurence, by comrade; December 9, 3d Cavalry, Charles Rist, F, suicide; December 15, 36th Infantry, Mark A, Hallis, corporal, E, meningitis; December 10, 37th Infantry, Lewis L, Eastwood, C, variola; December 10, 3d Cavalry, William C, McFarland, K tuberculosis; December 5, 35th Infantry, Homer Paup, A; 15th, 22d laney, sergeant, E; 13th, 4th Infantry, Otto 35th Infantry, Homer Paup, A; 15th, 22d Infantry, Arthur Hellenbeck, E, colitis; De-cember 7, 18th Infantry, Thomas Smith, M, septicemia; December 15, 9th Infantry, Henry Wolper, sergeant, band.

GEN. KELLOGG RETIRED.

Promotions in the Line That Will Follow This Action.

Brig. Gen. Edgar R. Kellogg. promoted from colonel of the 6th Infantry. has been placed on the retired list on hiown application, after thirty years' ser-vice. A similar course will be followed in the case of Erig. Gen. Gilbert S. Carpen er, recently promoted from colonel of the 18th Infantry, and now in active command of that regiment in the Philippines. These retirements will cause two vacancies in the list of brigadler generals, which will probably be filled in a few days. It is reported ably be filled in a few days. It is reported that the President desires to keep these places open in order that he may give substantial recognition to Gens. Wilson, Lee, Wheeler, and possibly other distinguished officers of the volunteer army. This plan can be carried out by the appointment and immediate retirement of the officers named, the effect of which would be to leave two brigadlers' commissions available for the promotion of officers in the regular establishment, the last two selected being retained in active service.

The retirement of Gens, Kellogg and Car-

The retirement of Gens. Kellogg and Car-eter will result in the following regular emotions in the line; Lieut. Col. Charles nor, 6th Infantry, to be colonel 6th In-stry, Lieut. Col. J. M. Sanno, 4th Infantry, to be colonel 18th Infantry; M Charles L. Davis, 11th Infantry, to be li-tenant colonel 6th Infantry; Maj. F. tenant colonel 6th lufantry; Maj. F Baldwin, 3d Infantry, to be lieutenant

MARINES ORDERED OUT.

Lieut, Brumby's Remains to Be Es-corted to the Cars. The Navy Department has arranged to give a naval funeral to the remains of the late Lieutenant Brumby. A company of marines from the marine barracks here with the full Marine Band, has been or lered to report at Garfield Hospital, under charge of Commander McCrea, U. S. N., tomorrow morning to escort the remains to the railway station, whence they will be conveyed to Auanta, Ga., for interment.

PREPARING FOR WAR. ien. Breckinridge Tells What Should Be Done in Times of Peace.

In his annual report to the Secretary War, Inspector General Breckinridge give the result of his recent inspection of the army in part as fellows:

"All experience shows that we may periodically have war, and our late mere mobilization shows what inexperience may cost and cause us and our children to en dure, so it may seem that we are simply driven to something like the old choice b tween vaccination and the danger of smallpox-either to prepare for and practice was in peace or take it with all its virulence when it comes. And it has, perhaps, been sufficiently demonstrated historically without need of argument how easy and effective this civilized method is for the proper training and maintenance of an efficient militia as the hope and support of the nation when called to arms, and to protect the individual citizen from unnecessary suffering when rallying to the colors for the national defense. During the last fiscal year we have been expending over \$730,000 a day; but this peace practice, essential for proper national defense and for the proper training of a well-cared-for and well-armed militia, costs only about \$1,000,000 a year, hardly two days' expense, even on a peace basis, and would not add 5 per cent to the annual military appropriations, and would actually save large sums in the long run. "But if our people prefer to conduct war upon the recognized principle of main strength and awkwardness, though they are so proverbially acute and energetic in it and everything else when their attention is attracted to war, the incidental dissatisfaction and suffering in the early stages of war will, perhaps, continue to recur; such as shoddy clothing and its other features. in peace or take it with all its virulence war will, perhaps, continue to recur; such as shoddy clothing and its other features

A VACANCY LEFT.

Place Left for Wheeler on the Ways and Means Committee. The ways and means committee, as an-nounced, includes a blank, which is left for the name of General Wheeler of Alabama. has not been sworn in as a member of the House his name could not be in-serted, as Mr. Bailey of Texas had in-

formed the Speaker that objection would be raised if the name was included. Mr. Balley retires from the committee at his own request, to give place to his Texas colleague Mr. Committee his own request, to give colleague, Mr. Cooper.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Three Governors Call Upon the President.

CAME FOR THE CAPITAL CENTENNIAL

Investigating the Charge as to Polygamous Office Holders.

WHAT MR. MILLER SAYS

Gov. Tanner of Illinois, Gov. Shaw of lowa and Gov. Barnes of Oklahoma were at the White House today. They came or here to attend the meeting of the committee having in charge the matter of a na tional celebration of the establishment of the seat of government in the District of Columbia. The President told his callers that the District Commissioners had requested that the meeting be postponed until some time in January, and that he had sanctioned the request, inasmuch as the time was not considered an appropriate one. When the meeting is held in January, he said, the House and Senate members of the committee will be present, and there will e nothing to prevent important and valuable work by the committee

Office Holders and Polygamy.

Glen Miller, the United States marshal of Utah, had a long talk with President Mc-Kinley today about federal officials in that state charged with practicing polygamy. Mr. Miller was not summoned here by the President or any one else, it is said, and was not invited to the White House to dis cass this subject. He voluntarily touched upon the matter, and the President wa upon the matter, and the President was glad to have some information inasmuch as criarges have been broadcasted that fed-eral appointments were made when it was known that appointees were violating the low

known that appointers were violeting ab-law.

Mr. Miller has made an investigation and asserts that there have been only two fed-eral office-holders against whom suspicion of polygamy could attach. In each case this suspicion did not exist and was unknown prior to the appointments. The cases were those of the postmasters at Logan and Provo, Utah. At Legan the postmaster be-came involved in trouble some time ago and Provo, Utah. At Legan the postmaster became involved in trouble some time ago and left for Alaska. It was afterward charged that he was leading a polygamins life. At Provo John C. Graham is the postmaster. He is now charged with polygamy. He is a member of the republican state central committee. There were no charges against his private life betore his appointment.

It is understood that republican senators and representatives have made scarches through departmental records here to ascertain if any Utah appointment was made when the applicant was known to be living in polygamy. No record of this kind can be found.

The President himself, it is asserted, has

can be found.

The President himself, it is asserted, has never knowingly made an appointment of a polygamis; and is said to be pleased with the showing made by Mr. Miller,

Some of the President's Callers. Senators Shoup, Beverldge, Quar'es and Penrose and Representatives Cannon, Brownwell and Wheeler were among the

callers today, but none of them remained long with the President In point of visitors at least, it is not likely that the President will be overworked until after the Christmas holidays. He will have time to review matters which

have been laid aside because there was no opportunity to take them up. He will also have time for more outdoor exercise The President now rarely misses a morning that he does not go out for a walk of a few minutes before beginning the day's exacting work in his office. In the aftermoon into after the day's a drive with Mrs. McKinley and remains away from the Executive Mansion nearly an hour. In more busy seasons he could not do this.

General Osborne, the President's cousin, consul general to London, went out with the President this morning. He has been a guest at the White House several days,

LOCAL BILLS IN THE SENATE.

District Measures Introduced in the Upper Branch of Congress Mr. McMillan, by request, introduced a bill in the Senate today for the extension of 17th street to the Wolbridge subdivision

of Ingleside. Mr. Proctor introduced a joint resolution that was before the last Congress authorizing the purchase of a bust of Justin S. Morrill and of Daniel W. Voorhees for th

building of the Library of Congress. Mr. Platt of Connecticut reintroduced in Senate today his bill of the last Congress to establish a division in the Treasury Department for the regulation of insurance

among the several states. Mr. Mason introduced in the Senate today a bill introduced in the last Congress by Mr. Chandler fixing the salary of the postmaster in this city at \$6,000 per annum. A bill to amend the charter of the East Washington Heights Traction Railway Company was introduced in the Senate to-Company was introduced in the Senate today by Mr. McMillan, It authorizes the
company to extend its lines from its present
terminus at the western approach to the
Pennsylvania Avenue bridge westwardly
along Pennsylvania avenue to 8th street
northeast, to East Capitol street; also from
the intersection of Minnesota avenue and
Harrison street along Harrison street to
Monroe street; also northward along the
Aracostia read to connect with the Columbia railway at Benning. The bill also extends the time in which the East Washingto. Heights Traction Railway Company is
required to complete its road for two years
from June 18, 1960.

Mr. Stewart today introduced in the Senate a bill to change the rame of the Potomac Insurance Company of Georgetown.
The bill has been introduced in the House.

THE MONEY MARKET.

Secretary Gage Contemplating So Step to Releive It. While no definite information is obtain-

able at the Treasury Department, it is believed that Secretary Gage contemplates some step to attempt to relieve the money market. The Secretary has been in con ference during the day with his assistants, and has received many telegrams from all parts of the country. The impression prevails that the action

of the Secretary will be the offer of the as shooty clothing and its other leading, well known to every soldier of the civil war, though less pronounced, of course, when only a quarter of a million instead of purchase of \$25,000,000 additional bonds The treasury can spare the money to do this, and it is asserted that this would give a million of untrained men are suddenly called to the colors." some relief. Since the last offer ail classes of government bonds have materially advanced and the government would now have to pay considerably more than under its offer of some time ago. In addition to the purchase of bonds the

Secretary may order an increase in the posits of government money in nation bank depositories. This can be done wi bank depositories. This can be done without danger of loss to the government and
with profit to the banks. The banks secure the use of the government's money by
depositing United States bonds as collateral, and the amount of money in circulation is accordingly increased.

Although Secretary Gage may take action at any time the probability is that
nothing will be done until after tomorrow's
cabinet session.

MR. HEATH MADE CHAIRMAN

Republican Committee on Organization and Literature Appointed.

First Gun of the Campaign of 1900 Fired Today-Work to Begin After the Holidays.

The first gun of the political campaign of 1900 was fired today when Chairman Han na named the committee on organization and literature. The committee is composed of Mr. Perry S. Heath, first assistant post master general, chairman; Charles G. Dawes, controller of the currency, and Senator Shoup. Chairman Hanna and Secretary Dick are ex-officio members.

Mr. Heath's Career.

Mr. Perry S, Heath needs no introduction Washingtonians. For many years he was identified with the capital as a special corespondent, and was one of the familiar figures on newspaper row. As he often says, "I was born a newspaper man." And it appears from the family records that for many years before he reached his majority he learned to "stick type," and gradu-ally mastered every feature of the newsestablished the Mancie Daily Times, and was its managing editor and assistant publisher until the spring of 1881, when he neer at Aberdeen, South Dakota, In the



March, 1894, he left Washington to become president and general manager of the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, as well as principal owner, he carnied with him the best wishes of every one who knew him. During his connection with the Cazette he became interested in the presidential ambition of Gov. William McKinley and lent his best efforts to obvious his presidents. lient advocate of the Ohio statesman and rendered yeoman service. After the nomi-nation Mr. Heath was suggested as chair

rendered yeoman service. After the nomination Mr. Heath was suggested as chairman of the literary and publication committee of the campaign. His well-known ability along these lines fitted him specially for the work, and how well that branch of the campaign was managed is republican history.

After the election President McKinley named Mr. Heath as first assistant postmaster general, and it is no exaggeration to say his department is one of the most efficient in the government. His dutles, however, have not taken him out of the reach of his friends, and he is the same affable, courteous "Perry" as of old. During his official life Mr. Heath has materially assisted in the advancement of post office clerks throughout the country and is a firm believer in organized labor. He knows what it is to be a toller and his best endeavors are always put forth to render justice to the laboring classes. Typographical assemblies all over the United States have recently passed commendatory resolutions of his earnest support of organized labor. Mr. Heath's Plans.

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dence. Mr. Henth's Plans. A reporter of The Star asked Mr. Heath this afternoon regarding the work he was expected to do for the republican party, in onnection with his selection as chairman of the committee on organization and liter ature. Mr. Heath said in reply to a ques

"When Chairman Hanna and Secretary "When Chairman Hanna and Secretary Dick return from their holiday visit home there will be a meeting of the committee and then the work will be mapped out. Meanwhile there is nothing I can say about it. As far as my selection is concerned I am particularly gratified. It is an honor I did not expect."

Mr. Heath said in reply to a query that there would be nothing incompatible with the duties of the committee and his official position, and that he did not contemplate a severance with the postal service.

plate a severance with the postal service. He added with italicised emphasis that it was his purpose to remain in his official position until the end of the present admin-

It is understood that in the early part of January quariers will be secured and ed in Washington for the committee connection with the regular headqu of the republican national committee

TO RAISE THE MAINE. A Chicago Man Asks Permission to Make the Attempt.

A Chicago man has applied to the Navy Department for permission to attempt to raise the wreck of the Maine from the bottom of Hatana harbor, and also to under take to recover the Charleston, which dis in a wrecked condition on a little island off the north end of Luzon. He does not indicate how he expects to locate the Charles ton, which is beyond the ken of the department officials and may be either at bottom of the sea or drifted off to anoi

The department is referring all p applying for permission to wreck the Maine and the vessels of Cervera's fleet to Con-gress for authorization and the necessary appropriations to pay for the work.

THE DEAD OF THE MAINE Will Be Brought by Special Train From Newport News. A contract has been made with the Ches

speake and Ohio Railway Company for the transportation from Newport News to this city of the Maine dead, numbering 166 bodies, which are expected to arrive at Newport News on the battle ship Texas fron Havana in about a week. The cars are to Havana in about a week. The cars are to be hardled by special trains, and will reach Washington about 7 o'clock in the morning, and be transferred at once to Arlington cemetery. The bodies will be sealed in metallic caskets, and six or seven baggage cars will be provided for their transportation.

TWO CONCERNS FAIL

AS NECESSARY AS STEAM.

Today advertising is as

necessary to the transaction

of certain lines of business as steam and electricity are

to machinery.-R. J. Gun-

Produce Exchange Trust Co. and Henry Allen & Co.

FORMER'S LIABILITIES \$8,319,600

Inability to Convert Securities Into Cash Caused Collapse.

NO STATEMENT FROM ALLEN

NEW YORK, December 18.—The Produce Exchange Trust Company of this city has closed its doors.

A notice upon the door says that the empany has suspended payment pending an examination of its books. The notice posted on the door of the com-

pany's office reads: "The board of directors of the Produce Exchange Trust Company has deemed it to the best interests of its depositors and tockholders to suspend payments pending the readjustment of its affairs. The following special committee. Edwin Gould, C. P. Armstrong, George R. Bidwell, Edward A. Maher and Frank Bramard, has been appointed by the board of directors to take charge of the property and affairs of the company and are in possession thereof for the board of directors. (Signed) Almon Goodwin and William Nelson Crom

Organized Two Years Ago.

well, counsel for committee

The Produce Exchange Trust Company was organized a couple of years ago, with a capital of \$2,500,000, and had a reported surplus and undivided profits at this time of over \$2,500,000. Its business was chiefly with merchants, tradesmen and corporations in its immediate vicinity, and it was also supposed to do some of the banking business of the Standard Oil Company. It had been des mated by the banking department of the states as a legal depository for state moneys and municipal moneys, as well as for the funds of savings banks and state banks. The officers of the company are: President, Turner A. Beall, vice presidents, Edwin Gould, Thomas A. MeIntyre and S. D. Scudder, secretary and treasurer, S. L. Chamberlain; assistant secretary treasurer, William Laws.

The trustees of the company are Charles P. Armstrong, Amzi B. Barber, Frant Braitard, Turner A. Beall, George R. Blowell, Charles A. Deshon, A. Goegel, Edwin Gould, N. Irvine Keyser, Edward R. Ladew, Henry A. McGee, W. Willis Merrill, J. W. Middendorf, Edward Maer, S. D. Scudder, John A. Shibley, John P. Truesdell, C. M. Warner, John Skelton Williams, E. F. C. Young, Thomas A. Melntyre.

Statement From the Company. with merchants, tradesmen and corpora-

Statement From the Company. The officers of the company declined to e anybody or to give anything for publi-

cation beyond this supplementary notice after II o'clock:

"The immediate cause of the suspension of the company is its inability to convert its securities into cash in time to meet the sudden and abnormal demand made upon it.

"A statement of the company's affairs at the close of business Saturday last, in round figures, is as follows:

"Assets—Cash on hand, \$118,000; cash in Western National Bank, \$20,000; cash in First National Bank, Jersey City, \$125,000; cash in Standard Bank, \$239,000; New York city bonds, \$2,500,000; other bonds, \$850,000; demand loans, \$085,000; bills receivable, \$87,000; due from banks, \$90,000; syndicate loans, \$4,423,500; thme, \$350,000. Total assets, \$11,719,500.

"Liabilities-Capital and surplus, \$5,000,-000; individual deposits, \$2,928,000, trust funds, \$21,000; due to banks, \$370,000. Total liabilities, \$8,319,000.

Baltimore Financiers Interested. BALTIMORE, December 18.-J. William Middendorf of the firm of Middendorf, Oliver & Co. and H. Irvine Keyser of this city are directors in the Produce Exchange Trust Company of New York, as is also J. Skelton Williams of Richmond, Va., who is

president of the Seaboard Air Line Raffway ompany.

Mr. Middendorf, speaking of the failure, "Of course, the news of the failure is "Of course, the news of the fature is most unwelcome, but it will not be so far reaching as some people suppose. The affairs of the concern were recently investigated by an expert and found to be in good condition; hence, I believe the suspension has been brought about by the unsatisfactory state of the managements. has been brought about by the unsatisfac-tory state of the money market. The com-pany was interested as a subscriber to the syndicate formed for the purpose of financ-ing the proposed reorganization of the Sea-board Air Line, but its suspension will in no way impede the progress of that reorgan-ization, which is now practically an ac-complished fact."

HENRY ALLEN & COMPANY FAIL,

Firm of Bankers and Brokers Caught in Stock Market. NEW YORK, December 18.—The suspen sion of the firm of Henry Allen & Co., bankers and brokers, has been announced

on the stock exchange.

The firm is not yet prepared to make a statement, but the suspension is attributed to the failure of some of its customers to respond to calls for additional margins, made necessary by recent declines. house has been known as a trader on rather

house has been known as a trader on rather an extensive scale.

At the office of the firm it is was denied that the failure was consequent upon the suspension of the Produce Exchange Trust Company. The firm consists of Henry Allen and Edward L. Norton. The opinion seems to prevail that the difficulties of the firm will only be temporary.

This is the second failure of the firm, the previous suspension taking place in the panic of 1893. The liabilities are not large.

FLED WITH HIS WIFE'S JEWELS Great Sensation Over Flight of the

Sultan's Son-in-Law.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 18.-The flight of the sultan's son-in-law, Mahmud Pacha, Thursday, with his wife's jewels and all the money he could collect, has caused a great sensation here. It has now been ascertained that he sailed for Marseilles on a steamer, and the Turkish government has telegraphed to the French minister of foreign affairs, M. Delcasse, asking for the arrest of Mahmud on his arrival at Marseilles, and his return to Constantinople on the charge that he is implicated in a political plot to assu the sultan. This accusation, however, is generally discredited, and it is believed the refugee is the victim of an intrigue.

WITNESSES DID NOT ARRIVE.

No Meeting of the Special Roberts Committee Today.

As the Utah witnesses in the Robert case could not reach here until late today Chairman Tayler of the House invest gating committee determined on having session today, and called a meeting for if

o'clock tomorrow morning.

The committee hopes to obviate the necessity of proceeding to Utah to obtain testimony, but will go if no other course is open.